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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BOLEN'S PRESENTATION CEREMONY REMARKS

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY REMARKS SUBMITTED REFTEL. AMBASSADOR BOLEN HAD APPROVED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK REMARKS FOR CEREMONY, WHICH DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE ARE AT VARIANCE IN TONE WITH EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS. EMBASSY THUS REQUESTED SUBMIT FOLLOWING REMARKS TO OFFICE OF KING AFTER HAVING MADE ANY MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO CONFORM WITH LOCAL DIPLOMATIC USAGE.

2. QUOTE. YOUR MAJESTY: IT IS FOR ME A GREAT PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU ON THIS OCCASION THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON ACCREDITING ME AS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND AND THE LETTERS OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR CHARLES J. NELSON, THE FIRST AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO YOUR COUNTRY.

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3. I BRING WITH ME THE WARMEST GREETINGS TO YOUR MAJESTY AND TO THE SWAZI PEOPLE FROM THE LEADERS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE CLOSE ASSOCIATION THAT HAS DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS BETWEEN SWAZILAND AND THE UNITED STATES, HERE IN YOUR

COUNTRY, IN THE UNITED STATES ITSELF, AND IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS WHERE WE HAVE FOUND MANY AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST. I CONSIDER IT MY MISSION WITH YOU TO ENRICH AND DEVELOP THIS STRONG BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING INTO EVEN CLOSER TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

4. YOUR MAJESTY, AMERICANS HAVE LONG HAD THE DEEPEST RESPECT FOR THE SWAZI PEOPLE AND THE WISE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED THEM NOW FOR MORE THAN A HALF CENTURY. WE ARE AWARE OF THE EFFORTS THAT YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE ARE MAKING AT THIS TIME TO BRING ABOUT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SEEKING TO DEVELOP A FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT PRESERVES AND STRENGTHENS THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF THE SWAZI PEOPLE AND EQUIPS SWAZILAND TO MEET ITS PEOPLES' NEEDS AT HOME AND PLAY A STRONG ROLE IN AFRICA AND THE WORLD AS A STRONG MODERN NATION.

5. DURING MY CALLS IN THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO COMING HERE TO TAKE UP MY POST, I FOUND A GROWING INTEREST IN AND ENTHUSIASM ABOUT SWAZILAND IN WIDE CIRCLES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AMONG AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, BANKERS, AND INVESTORS. WE VALUE HIGHLY OUR TRADING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU AND HOPE THAT THIS FIRM FOUNDATION FOR GOOD RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. IN ADDITION, I LOOK FORWARD IN THE COMING MONTHS AND YEARS TO EXPLORING WITH YOUR MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT MEANS OF SEEKING TO EXPAND CONTACTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SWAZILAND IN A BROAD VARIETY OF AREAS.

6. YOUR MAJESTY, I AM DELIGHTED TO BE WITH YOU HERE AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE KIND AND GENEROUS WELCOME THAT YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY EXTENDED TO ME. I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING YOUR BEAUTIFUL AND FERTILE

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COUNTRY OFTEN DURING THE TIME TO COME AND I AM VERY HOPEFUL THAT, THROUGH OUR COOPERATION, THE GOOD RELATIONS ALREADY EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE STRENGTHENED AND BROADENED IN THE FUTURE. UNQUOTE RUSH

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